# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:

HIGH STANDARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY fka HI STANDARD; fka HIGH STANDARD; fka INTERARMS; fka AMT

**DEBTOR** 

**CASE NO. 15-33794** 

**CHAPTER 11** 

Hearing Set For: 10/30/15 @ 9:00 A.M.

### UNOPPOSED MOTION MODIFYING/TERMINATING STAY

THIS IS A MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY. IF IT IS GRANTED, THE MOVANT MAY ACT OUTSIDE OF THE BANKRUPTCY PROCESS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE STAY LIFTED, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO SETTLE. IFYOU CANNOT SETTLE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING. IF YOU CANNOT SETTLE, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. EVIDENCE MAY BE OFFERED AT THE HEARING AND THE COURT MAY RULE.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGHT THEIR ATTORNEY.

THERE WILL BE A HEARING ON THIS MATTER ON OCTOBER 30, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COURTROOM 515 RUSK, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, COURTROOM 404, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Kelly Sturdevant, hereinafter referred to as Plaintiff, complaining of High Standard Manufacturing Company, hereinafter referred to as Debtor Defendant High Standard Manufacturing Company, would respectfully show unto the court as follows:

### GENERAL FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. On November 24, 2014, Plaintiff instituted suit in the 294<sup>th</sup> District Court

Van Zandt County, Texas as Cause No. 14-00303, Kelly Sturdevant v. High Standard

Manufacturing Company and ARMSCOR Precision International d/b/a ARMSCOR

USA, Stone Chimney Creek Trading Company, L.L.C., and Lipsey's L.L.C.

- 2. On July 28, 2015, High Standard Manufacturing Company filed a Petition for Relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. The litigation in state court involves a claim against a total of four (4) entities for damages for bodily injury sustained by Plaintiff Kelly Sturdevant as a result of an accidental shooting which occurred on September 1, 2013. More specifically, Plaintiff Kelly Sturdevant suffered life threatening injuries when a defectively designed/manufactured High Standard 45 ACP caliber handgun fired without the trigger being pulled.

### MOTION TO MODIFY/TERMINATE STAY

- 4. At all material times, Debtor Defendant High Standard Manufacturing
  Company was insured by a Commercial General Liability Policy issued by Lexington
  Insurance Company, Policy No. 015374846, which purports to provide a \$1,000,000.00
  per occurrence Product-Completed Operations limit of liability.
- 5. The state court litigation can best be tried in the 294<sup>th</sup> District Court,
  Van Zandt County, Texas, against all four (4) defendants. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to
  modify the stay imposed by 11 USC § 362 only for the purpose of allowing Plaintiff to
  proceed against Debtor Defendant High Standard Manufacturing Company as a joint
  tortfeasor to reduce Plaintiff's cause of action to a final judgment; and, if necessary, for
  the purpose of collecting damages which are covered by the liability insurance policy.
- 6. Plaintiff Kelly Sturdevant states that she will seek no judgment or recovery against Debtor Defendant High Standard above the amount covered by Lexington Insurance Company Policy No. 15374846.

### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

The attorney representing High Standard in the pending state court litigation has agreed to the Motion. By letters dated August 17, 2015, August 28, 2015, and September 10, 2015, one of the undersigned counsel, H. Grady Chandler, attempted to determine whether High Standard's bankruptcy attorney Mr. Johnie Patterson, would agree to the Motion; however, Mr. Patterson failed to respond to any of the correspondence. Based on High Standard's State Court counsel's approval of the relief requested, movant presumes that High Standard does not oppose the Motion or have any objections to the form of the Order. True and copies of the correspondence are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays for the relief requested herein and for such other and further relief to which she may show herself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ H. Grady Chandler [10/02/15]
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND CERTIFIATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH BLR 4001

A copy of this motion was served on the persons shown the following parties at the addresses reflected on October 5, 2015 by prepaid United States first class mail. Movant certifies that movant has complied with Bankruptcy Local Rule 4001.

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## EXHIBIT "A"

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August 17, 2015

Cynthia K. Hall TUCKER & ASSOCIATES 4100 Alpha Road 6th Floor, Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75244

Johnie Patterson Walker & Patterson, P.C. P.O. Box 61301 Houston, Texas 77208

Re: High Standard Manufacturing Company fka Hi Standard; fka High Standard; fka Interarms; fka AMT; Case No. 15-33794

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find the draft Agreed Motion and Order Modifying/Terminating Stay. Please approve the Order and return to me at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or modifications, we will work with you toward that end.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

\_H. Grady Chandler

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cc: Timothy Monsees

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FROM: H. Grady Chandler

RE: CASE NO. 15-33794; HIGH STANDARD MANUFACTURING

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MESSAGE: See attached.

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August 28, 2015

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Re: High Standard Manufacturing Company fka Hi Standard; fka High Standard; fka Interarms; fka AMT; Case No. 15-33794

Dear Mr. Patterson:

This will supplement my letter of August 17, 2015, a copy of which is attached.

Enclosed please find the draft Agreed Motion and Order Modifying/Terminating Stay, which has now been approved by Ms. Hall.

If you have some objection to the form of the Order, please bring it to our attention. We look forward to your prompt response.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Patterson:

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